THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Government have no information about the holding of such an Exhibition.

(b) Does not arise.

Compensation Payable to Road Accident Victims

2593. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present compensation payable to the victims of road accidents is Rs. 15,000 for loss of life and Rs 7,500 for injury;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court has directed Government to raise the limits of compensation payable to the victims of road accidents keeping in view the inflationary pressures;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at present the amount of compensation payable depends upon whether the vehicle involved in the accident is a private vehicle or a public transport vehicle; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to raise the limits of compensation suitably and bring about a comprehensive bill to rationalise the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) An amount of Rs. 15,000 in the case of death and Rs. 7,500 in the case of permanent disablement represents the relief that the legal representative/victim is entitled to get on 'No Fault Liability' principle, without Motor Accident Claims Tribunal going into the question as to who is at fault for the accident. In addition the claimants in such cases, have the right to claim higher compensation under Section 110-A of the M. V. Act., 1939.

(b) Supreme Court, while delivering a judgement in the case of SLP (Civil) 7534 of 1987 on 1-9-1987, have made suggestions for consideration with regard to the feasibility of raising the limits of compensation amount under No Fault Liability concept and solatium in hit-and-run cases; the necessity of distinction between private and public service vehicle as also between goods and passenger vehicles for claim compensation; and for having a specific definition of "Legal Representative".

(c) Liability of the insurer differs depending on whether the vehicle is a goods carriage, a passenger carriage or other personalised vehicles.

(d) The existing provisions lay down only the isurer's liability against third party risk in accident cases The Court makes an award of compensation, which appears to it as just without reference to limit of insurer's liability. Judicial awards are generally based on consideration of age, earning capacity, level of dependency on the victim etc. The implication of various aspects of the suggestions made by the Supreme Court are being gone into particularly with reference to their impact on hike in insurance premium, additional burden to transport operators, additional transportation cost and consequent burden on the consumer.

Recruitment of Khalasi in Golden Rock Workshop, Southern Railway

2594. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recruited candidates for the post of Khalasi in the Golden Rock Workshop, Southern Railway in 1983;

(b) if so, what was the number of candidates selected;

(c) whether there are 211 candidates who were selected but have not been taken into rolls so far; and